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For: COMPOSITE LAMINATE STRUCTURES ESPECIALLY
USEFUL FOR AUTOMOTIVE TRIM COMPONENTS, AND
METHODS AND TIE LAYERS EMPLOYED TO MAKE
THE SAME

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION¹

Please change the paragraphs on page 4, line 14 through page 5, line 13 as follows:

a1 The clear coat layer 14 is transparent or at least substantially transparent to visible light. Thus, for example, the clear coat layer is most preferably at least 90% transparent to visible light, and typically at least 95% transparent to visible light. Thus,